

BRILLIANT BANQUET.

Annual Dinner of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

GROVER CLEVELAND PRESENT.

The President-Elect Makes His First Speech Since His Election—Many Other Prominent People Among the Guests. Speeches of Prominent People Present.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—President-elect Grover Cleveland was one of the honored guests last night at the 124th annual dinner of the chamber of commerce, held at Delmonico's. There were many other honored guests present, but none around whom so many interests were centered, unless, indeed, it were the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, who sat at the table of honor next to Whitelaw Reid. Defeat seemed to sit lightly on the shoulders of Mr. Reid, and Mr. Depew, when he shook hands with Mr. Cleveland, allowed no thought of the epitaph he said in Buffalo he would inscribe over the political grave of the president-elect.

The annual feast of the chamber of commerce is always a memorable one, and the world's wealth and brains are always represented at these gatherings, but last night's banquet will go down into history linked with the glories of recent Democratic triumphs and the name of Grover Cleveland.

Three hundred guests were seated in Delmonico's large banquet hall when Rev. Dr. William H. Vibbert, pastor of Trinity chapel, said grace at 7:15 o'clock.

On a raised dais was placed the table of honor, in the center of which was seated Mr. Alex. E. Orr, the president of the banquet. On either side of Mr. Orr were Mr. Cleveland and Hon. Charles Foster, and among others seated were Horace White, Senator John G. Carlisle, Carl Schurz, ex-Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio; A. B. Hepburn, Samuel B. Babcock, Chauncey M. Depew, Whitelaw Reid, Rev. Dr. John Hall, W. C. P. Breckinridge, Rev. Dr. W. N. Vibbert, Murat Halstead, J. G. Schurman, David M. Stone, Hugh N. Camp, William F. Havemeyer, Henry Clews, James McCreery, James B. Colgate, Francis B. Thurber, John H. Inman, James A. Burden, John M. Cornell, John Crearar, Q. C. Erastus Wyman, Chas. R. Flint, Isaac M. Seligman, S. V. R. Cruger, Morris K. Jessup, W. M. Brookfield, Elliott F. Shepard, Jesse Seligman, W. Steinway, John D. Crimmins, Gustav H. Schwarts, John H. Starin, Paul Dana, Henry Villard, Herman O. Armour, George M. Pullman, Horace Porter, Eugene Blackford, St. Clair McKelway, Henry M. Flager, John S. Kennedy, J. Kennedy Tod, Hon. S. L. Woodford, J. Claflin, Austin Corbin and J. Edward Simmons.

There were several absentees. One of these, Hon. Stephen B. Elkins, secretary of war, was to reply to the toast, "President of the United States." Baron De Fava was also expected, but failed to be present, and this was the case of Hon. Frank H. C. Johnson. There were two guests present, however, who filled vacancies at the president's table. These were ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio, and Senator John G. Carlisle.

The hall was decorated with a profusion of choice and fragrant flowers, while the flags of France, Germany, Great Britain and the United States were grouped together. Both menu and wines were, as usual, irreproachable. The design of the menu was composed chiefly of a large oval medallion on which were the heads of Bacchus and Mercury. As a background there was a view of New York harbor, taken from the Battery.

It was 9:30 when President Orr called for order, and amid the clouds of fragrant hazy mists made a graceful speech, in which he said:

Many causes of congratulation have occurred during the year. The year of a general election is always fraught with anxieties and doubts, but this year we have been singularly fortunate, for the men who were selected by the two great political parties as their standard-bearers were of tried experience and remarkable for integrity of purpose. We have just successfully inaugurated the 400th anniversary of the most memorable event in American history, but it will not have its culmination until 1893. There was keen disappointment when Chicago and not New York was selected for the Columbian exposition, but that feeling has long since passed away, and we all agree that right royally is Chicago fulfilling the obligations she then assumed, and with hearty good will we bid her goodspeed. There should be no jealousy, and the Empire City has none.

Mr. Orr concluded by giving the first toast, which was responded to by Attorney General Miller, of Indiana. Mr. Miller responded to the toast, "The President of the United States," for which Secretary Elkins had originally been slated. Mr. Miller was hardly prepared for the change, and said he approached the task assigned him with great diffidence and really "under protest." Continuing, the attorney general said:

I am also embarrassed in the subject which has been assigned me as a toast. I have not been wont in the twenty years of intimate association with President Harrison to attempt to analyze his character, to catalogue his great qualities; to try to determine wherein he was greatest and wherein he was weakest; but I have been accustomed to work along, side by side, with him, each of us trying to accomplish that which was set before us as the task; I can only say, in a general way, that never in all that twenty years have I found him to fall below that expectation which was entertained as to what he could and would do.

Now, tonight, as I think of my friend, sitting in his lonely home, watching for

the face that shall never gladden his fire-side again, watching for the foot-fall that shall never come, listening for the voice whose music he shall never again hear, I can not but feel that the best tribute I can pay to him is that of simple, unspoken sympathy.

General Miller then closed his speech by a commentary upon the official duties devolving upon the president of the United States and deprecating of the tendency of the legislature to encroach upon those executive duties. The members showed a hearty appreciation of the speaker's efforts, by liberal applause at the close of his speech. Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster was next introduced. He responded to the toast: "Our Finances."

Chairman Orr then announced that, owing to a sudden illness, Baron De Fava would not be present, but that the toast "Italy" would be responded to by Mr. Sinclair McKelway, of Brooklyn.

When Mr. McKelway concluded the chairman proposed the toast "Commerce and Civilization," which was responded to by Rev. John Hall.

Chairman Orr next introduced Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, as sponsor to the toast, "The House of Representatives." On being introduced the congressman from Kentucky described the character of the house of representatives and the senate, saying that it was an entirely unique legislative body, and that in all matters affecting the welfare of the people its constituents were earnest in their endeavors whether their party feeling was Democratic or Republican.

He touched on the great issues to be decided by the body and characterized the recent campaign as one entirely of principles, and during which not one word of bitterness to the candidates had been heard. Mr. Breckinridge's speech was the longest of the evening, but at its conclusion he was loudly applauded.

The next was "Commerce and Education," and was responded to by President J. G. Schurman, of Cornell university. Professor Schurman's was the last of the regular toast list.

No sooner was this announced than a storm of cries for "Cleveland" and "Depew" arose. Mr. Depew arose smilingly, and waving his hand cried: "Cleveland." Mr. Cleveland at last arose, and after the bursts of applause had somewhat subsided the president-elect spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: I am exceedingly gratified by the kindness and warmth of your greeting. It does not surprise me, however, for I have seen and felt on more than one occasion the cordial hospitality and heartiness of those who assemble at the annual dinners of our chamber of commerce.

We all have noticed that many men, when they seek to appear especially wise and impressive, speak of "our business interests" as something awful and mysterious, and quite often, when a proposition is under discussion, its merits are no longer apparent to those whose hair is on end at the solemn suggestion that "our business interests" are lying in wait with numerous vials of wrath in complete readiness for those who arrive at an unaccepted conclusion.

I am fortunate in being able to state that my relations to the chamber of commerce of the state of New York, though merely of a complimentary kind, arising from honorary membership, has so familiarized me with "business interests" that I no longer regard these words as meaning a bloodthirsty beast, nor do I have constantly before my mind those children in the biblical history who were torn to pieces by bears for discussing too much at random the baldness of an ancient prophet. It is entirely natural that my familiarity with business interests, arising from my relation to which I have referred, should be of a pleasant sort and free from fear and trepidation for the only meetings I have ever attended of the chamber of commerce have been precisely such as this, when the very best things to eat and drink have been exhaustively discussed.

I am bound to say that on these occasions the dreadful beings representing business interests have been very humane indeed. I know you will not do me the very great injustice of supposing that I in the least under rate the importance of the commercial and financial interests here represented. On the contrary, no one appreciates more fully than I that while a fuller adjustment of all interests should be maintained, you represent those which are utterly indispensable to our national growth and prosperity.

I do not believe that any other interests should be obliged to feed from the crumbs which fall from the table of business, nor do I believe that table should be robbed of the good things which are honestly and fairly there, merely because some other tables are not well provided. It comes to this, we are all interested as Americans in a common pursuit. Our purpose is, or ought to be, in our several spheres, to add to the general fund of national prosperity. From this fund, we are all entitled to draw, perhaps not equally, but justly, each receiving a fair portion of individual prosperity. Let us avoid tramping of each other in our anxiety to be first in the distribution of shares, and let us not attempt to appropriate the shares of others.

As I close I can not refrain from expressing my thanks for the courtesies often extended me by the organization at whose hospitable board I have sat this evening. I beg to assure you, that though I may not soon meet you again on an occasion like this, I shall remember with peculiar pleasure the friends made among your membership, and shall never allow myself to be heedless of the affairs you so worthily hold in your keeping.

There was more applause when Mr. Cleveland finished speaking, only to be renewed, however, when Hon. Whitelaw Reid was called upon. Mr. Reid said in part:

Now, Mr. President, it is not my turn. I am not on the program. I am not going to make speeches—that is left to the other side. I have made a great many speeches within the last three or four weeks, and I am bound to say that I do not particularly admire the result of them. I did not think too highly of them when I made them, and I think a great deal less of them now.

Mr. Reid made several graceful allusions to the president-elect, concluding by saying:

I think I may speak for my associates as well as myself, in saying to the gentlemen who are soon to take control of the government, that whatever they may do to sustain the honor of the flag and promote the prosperity of the country, they will find in the United States no Republicans and no Democrats, but we are all Americans.

Chauncey M. Depew followed Mr. Reid with quite a lengthy speech, which closed the feast of eloquence for the evening, or rather morning.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

First Day's Session of the St. Louis Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 16.—The first day's session of the annual convention of the Knights of Labor was very short and unimportant. The committee on credentials was the only committee reporting, their report seating all the delegates present except Mrs. Lane, of Philadelphia, who was refused a seat on a technicality. The report was adopted, except the action referring to Mrs. Lane and that was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

It was decided that the session of the convention should be from 9 to 12 and from 2:30 to 6 p. m. A press committee of three was appointed. After recess the convention reassembled at 2:30 p. m., and went into executive session. The afternoon was taken up hearing the reports of minor committees.

One Way to Settle Taxes.

GRAYSON, Ky., Nov. 16.—Fully 300 mounted men rode through the principal streets of this place Monday followed by nearly an equal number on foot. The demonstration was caused by the railroad tax. Collector Peter Brown had levied upon some land and advertised it for sale at the court house door, and the citizens of the county had risen in a body to oppose the sale. A committee waited upon Brown, and he was induced to forego the sale and resign his collectorship, after which the citizens retired to their homes. It will be impossible to find any one to accept the collectorship.

One White Man and Two Indians Drowned.

BOISE CITY, Nov. 16.—Wilson Garber, long suspected of being a moonshiner, met a violent death while trying to evade a party of men who he thought were officers of the law. Garber and two Indians jumped into a canoe on Big creek, a short distance above the rapids. The Indians being drunk, could not control the canoe, which rapidly floated down the stream. On entering the rapids the Indians fell out and were drowned. The canoe was dashed over the cataract and Garber also drowned.

Suspicion of Foul Play.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—"Jim" Wall, the Australian bookmaker, is missing. He did business on a large scale during the summer at Garfield park, Washington park and Hawthorne. Several days ago a trunk, containing a sachel and some papers, was found on a west side prairie, and the bookmakers of this city think Wall never got out of Chicago alive. It is thought by some that Wall has gone back to Australia, but his friends do not believe it. They say he was not a man to go away mysteriously. The police can find no trace of him.

Desk Makers in Session.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Manufacturers of desks from Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan met at the Palmer House Tuesday pursuant to adjournment at Indianapolis two weeks ago, to perfect a permanent organization for the betterment of the trade. The object of the meeting, which will extend over several days, is to establish standards of the product of about forty large makers in the country, and to co-operate as to prices for the general benefit.

Another Without Loss of Life.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Nov. 16.—The Chicago express on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, westbound, was wrecked near here about 4:30 Tuesday morning. There was no loss of life. Both tracks were torn up and travel was delayed eight hours. The two Pullman sleeping cars attached to the train were damaged, one sliding down an embankment and turning over on its side. The accident was caused by the breaking of a splice bar, allowing the entire train to leave the track.

Open to Miners.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 16.—The supreme court of the United States has affirmed the decision of the territorial supreme court in the San Pedro and Canon Del Agui grant case. The decision is against the grant, and throws the important mining district open to miners.

Very Anxious to Fight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—James F. Carroll called at the office of The Evening Sun yesterday and made a \$1,000 deposit and issued a challenge for Johnnie Griffin to fight any featherweight in the world. Carroll is anxious to match Griffin against Dixon.

After the Official Count.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 16.—Secretary of State Pooman has gone to Fayette county to straighten the election entanglement. Representative Boughter and ex-Attorney General Nash have been employed as attorneys and are dictating the movements of the Republicans. Colonel Pooman will demand a return of the count.

A Marshal in Trouble.

LEBANON, Ind., Nov. 16.—Mortain V. Rains, Marshal at Zionsville, is in trouble. For several days he has been drinking very hard, and several citizens of Zionsville have filed an affidavit against him. Marshal Oden, of this place, has gone to Zionsville to place Rains under bond.

NOTED TURFMAN SHOT.

Colonel John Chinn, Starter at the East St. Louis Jockey Club, Wounded.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 16.—Colonel John Chinn, starter at the East St. Louis Jockey club track, was shot, and it is believed fatally wounded, yesterday afternoon, by Captain D. Anthony. Some time ago Ed Corrigan, of the Hawthorne track at Chicago, asked the officials of the East St. Louis track to allow Mr. Chinn to officiate for them for a time. The East St. Louis people consented to the arrangement and installed Kit, a son of the famous starter, at the post. Young Chinn's starting has been unsatisfactory of late and the East St. Louis managers demanded that the elder Chinn return here.

The turn of affairs did not just exactly suit him and he was in a decidedly bad temper. He came back Monday and took his place, however. His work that day was not of a kind to grow enthusiastic over. Three horses were left at the post in as many different races, and the starts in all were anything but good. Lillian, who was left at the post in the fourth race, was quite heavily played, and muttered oaths were plenty. That night the directors of the club held a meeting and it was decided to suspend Chinn indefinitely.

Yesterday morning Chinn began drinking heavily and by noon was in a very much intoxicated condition. His order of dismissal was made out but he did not show up at the track until after the first race was run. The club had secured Starter Dwyer, of the Madison track, to handle the flag and he was in the box ready for the second race when Chinn appeared and took the flag away from him and started the horses.

Secretary Alexander presented him his discharge. Chinn said that if he did not start the horses no one else would, and refused to accept the paper, at the same time catching hold of Mr. Alexander's coat collar with one hand, and reaching down into his boot with the other and drawing a large dirk-knife. Two police caught Chinn and tried to disarm him, he, in the meantime, making desperate efforts to get at Alexander with the knife.

Captain Anthony came upon the scene at this moment, and, seeing that Chinn was about to get the best of the policeman, he drew his revolver, firing it full in Chinn's face. The ball struck Chinn in the mouth and ranged upward, coming out back of the ear. Chinn was taken to a hospital on this side of the river, where he lies, with but slight hopes of his recovery. Colonel Chinn is known all over the country among turf circles and has handled the flag at all the great tracks of the country.

UNSOLVING A MYSTERY.

An Indiana Coroner Investigating Murder Mystery.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 16.—The mystery enveloping the murder of Mrs. Bridget Murphy, in this city on Monday night of last week, remains unsolved, though the coroner's investigation was postponed in the hope of developing the circumstances leading to it. The old lady lived alone, her husband having died several years ago. She owned the property in which her dead body was found, and had money at interest, which gives rise to the suspicion that the deed was committed for the purpose of robbery. Death resulted from a blow with a hatchet on her head, and her face also exhibited repeated stabs with an awl, both weapons being found in the room where her body lay in a pool of blood.

Coroner McNeff resumed his investigation yesterday. Nothing was developed beyond the discovery of the body by the neighbors. It is known that the relations of the murdered woman with her daughter, Mrs. Michael Murphy, growing out of her financial transactions with her, had led to a rupture between them, and a suit in court. The disclosures at the trial are of a somewhat damaging character, and judgment was promptly rendered in behalf of the aged plaintiff. It was shown that a bogus dispatch had been sent, advising her of the death of her sister at Hamilton, O., and that the funeral would occur on the day set for the trial of the case.

The old lady was on the point of departing for Hamilton, when an inquiry developed that her sister was alive and well, and that the bogus telegram had been concocted by parties in this city. It is not known, however, that the daughter was privy to the deception.

The daughter testified before the coroner that she had not visited her mother's house during the past two or three years. She knew that her mother had made a will, but she did not know that George Heatway, her attorney, was the sole legatee and beneficiary under it.

One-Sided Feast.

LEBANON, Ind., Nov. 16.—A novel election bet was paid in this city yesterday. According to the provisions of the bet a number of the prominent citizens assembled at the Bennett House and sat down to a dinner which was composed of the following bill of fare: For the Democrats—Chicken, boiled ham, cold tongue, potatoes, etc., including all the delicacies the market affords. For the Republicans—Thin bean soup, water and toothpicks. The Republicans paid their bet with good grace, and all enjoyed the one-sided feast.

Boy Confesses to Burglary.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 16.—Forsome time money and articles of value have been missing from the Fort Wayne post-office, letters and packages having been opened. At noon yesterday Adam Lamar, a messenger boy, confessed to misappropriating \$50 in money and some articles of value.

Telegraphers' Troubles Settled.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 16.—The differences between the telegraph operators of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad and the company have been settled. The men agree to the advance in wages offered by the company some time ago, and which was at that time refused.

RAILROAD COLLISION

Two Trains Run Together on the Pennsylvania Road.

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT.

An Express Train Collides with a Freight Train—One Unknown Man Mangled Beyond Recognition and Several Others Injured.

LIMA, O., Nov. 16.—Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Nevada, O., a serious wreck occurred. Eastbound freight train No. 74 pulled into Nevada, but was given orders to side track for mail and express train No. 7, westbound. The freight pulled west and attempted to back up on the siding before the mail train arrived. The train was heavy and hard to manage and the engine and five cars of the freight stood across the main track when No. 7 came thundering down to the switch.

Engineer H. A. Durnell, of the mail train, saw the impending danger 300 feet from the switch. His engine was going forty miles an hour. He reversed the engine and applied the airbrakes. The airbrakes failed him and a crash followed. The two engines were hurled twenty feet into the ditch. Four express cars were wrecked and their contents ruined. Six loaded freight cars were piled up in a confused mass. Engineer Durnell and his fireman leaped for life and escaped with only a few bad bruises.

August Kutschuts, a brakeman, was fatally injured, and an unknown tramp so badly mangled that he can not live. Engineer Tom Quinn, of the freight engine, and the train crew were warned by the mail train's signals in time to leave their dangerous positions and get a safe distance from the wreck. The tracks were blocked nearly all night.

BIG SAFE COMBINE.

It is Incorporated in New Jersey with a Capital of \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Deibolt-Mosler Diamond Safe company, a consolidation of eleven principal companies and firms which manufacture fire and burglar proof vaults and safes, was incorporated yesterday in the office of the secretary of state of New Jersey with a capital of \$5,000,000, of which \$2,800,000 is to consist of preferred stock and \$2,200,000 common stock.

The officers of the new company will be: M. Mosler, president; W. W. Clark and Thomas D. Ames, vice presidents; Henry Urban, president of the Macneal & Urban Safe and Lock company, secretary, and George L. Damon, treasurer. It was at first thought that the combination would be a competitor of the Herring-Hall-Marvin company, but the management of the concerns will be harmonious, persons in control of the Herring-Hall-Marvin company being also identified with the new corporation.

A Ministerial Press Censorship.

ZANESVILLE, O., Nov. 16.—The Zanesville Ministerial association has resolved to become a close corporation and to furnish nothing concerning its proceedings to reporters except such matter as has first been approved by the association. The action grew out of the publication in one of the city papers that the association had rejected the application for membership of Rev. M. J. Maxwell, of the Christian church, when the fact was that he had not applied, his name having been proposed by another member of the body, when the matter was laid on the table until his orthodoxy could be investigated. It is an open question whether the pastors will be able to carry out their proposed censorship of the press.

Saloon Keepers Responsible.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Nov. 16.—In September, 1890, Alfred Slivey, seventeen years old, of Lagro, while at Andrews became intoxicated and he was drowned in the Wabash river en route home. His parents brought suit against L. Gauss, saloon keeper, who sold intoxicants to the lad, and Jacob Boos and Wendell Schneur, his bondsmen, and in the first trial judgment was given plaintiffs for \$500. A second trial resulted in a verdict of \$870 for plaintiffs.

Gone but Not Forgotten.

ASHLAND, O., Nov. 16.—Last Saturday Charles Wertman borrowed \$900, saying he intended buying Ludwick's livery stable here. Monday evening he kissed his children goodby, came to town, sold his horse and buggy, and skipped with the money. Wertman, who leaves a wife behind, has been quite prominent in politics of late because of his flop for Cleveland.

Prairie Fire in Eastern Colorado.

DENVER, Nov. 16.—Prairie fires have done great damage in eastern Colorado within a few days. They are still burning fiercely. Thousands of acres of winter pasture in Kit Carson and Lincoln and Arapahoe counties have been burned out, and the settlers have lost all their stacked hay and straw. Many barns have also been destroyed and much stock lost.

Boy Commits Suicide.

TIFFIN, O., Nov. 16.—Rolla Bucher, a thirteen-year-old lad, suicided at Hicksville by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. He lost the power of speech by illness when a mere child and became dependent when his parents wanted him to attend school.

Fooled with a Revolver.

BUCYRUS, O., Nov. 16.—Will Steen, while handling a revolver, discharged the weapon, was struck in the right eye by the bullet and died.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

BUCYRUS, O., Nov. 16.—Charley Rauk, thirteen, of North Bucyrus, was accidentally shot by his own gun while hunting and died.